AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (**Currently Amended**) A hybrid plant having two or more copies of a gametic fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship, **wherein the hybrid plant is rice and the gametic fertility restorer gene is the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility**.

2. (Previously Presented) The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, which has two to four copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene at two to four gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

3. (Previously Presented) The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, wherein multiple copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene are located on distinct chromosomes.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (**Cancelled**)

6. (**Currently Amended**) The hybrid plant according to Claim **1** **[[5]]**, wherein the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility is a nucleic acid which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 49, or an amino acid sequence which is at least 70% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 49, and which functions to restore fertility.

7. (Previously Presented) A method for producing the hybrid plant of Claim 1, comprising introducing a gametic fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering and placing two or more copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

8. (Previously Presented) The method for producing the hybrid plant according to Claim 7, which comprises:

1) introducing a gametic fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering to produce a plant

of fertility restoring line containing multiple copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene homozygously at two or more loci; and

2) crossing the plant of fertility restoring line produced by the step of 1) with a plant of sterility line.

9. (**Currently Amended**) A plant of fertility restoring line containing a gametic fertility restorer gene homozygously at two or more loci**, wherein the plant is rice and the gametic fertility restorer gene is the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility**.

10. (Previously Presented) The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, having higher seed fertility under a low temperature condition compared to an individual that has only one copy of the gametic fertility restorer gene at a single locus, and wherein the gametic restorer gene is heterozygous at that locus.